



## Wisconsin's Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule, DHS 163

### Guidelines for Department of Commerce-Certified Plumbers, HVAC and Fire System Installers & Servicers

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is approved by the U.S. EPA to administer and enforce the Lead-Safe Renovation program in Wisconsin.

Safe renovation of old housing is the best way to protect Wisconsin children from lead poisoning. Renovators who are not trained in lead-safe work practices risk exposing themselves and occupants to lead at the job site and exposing their own families by bringing lead dust home on their work clothes.

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**The Law:** Renovation work is regulated when performed for compensation in a dwelling or child-occupied facility built before 1978 and the work disturbs 6 sq. ft. or more of paint per room, 20 sq. ft. or more of exterior paint, or involves windows.

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#### When working within the scope of the Commerce certification

A Department of Commerce-certified plumber, HVAC or fire sprinkler system installer/servicer working within the scope of his or her Commerce certification *is not required* to be separately certified by DHS. However, compliance with all other renovation rules *is* required, including:

- ⇒ Completion of a 1-day **Lead-Safe Renovation Initial Course**
  - Find approved training providers at [www.dhs.wi.gov/lead](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/lead)
- ⇒ Keeping the course completion certificate at every regulated jobsite
- ⇒ Using appropriate lead-safe work practices and containment and following all cleaning and cleaning verification protocols
- ⇒ Keeping required renovation records
- ⇒ A ½-day Lead-Safe Renovator Refresher training is required every 4 years

#### Working outside the scope of Commerce certification

A Commerce-certified plumber, HVAC or fire sprinkler system installer/servicer who conducts renovation work outside the scope of his or her Commerce certification (such as an HVAC installer who also paints houses) is required to comply with all individual and company certification requirements of the rule. See the Guidelines for Renovation Contractors guidance at [www.dhs.wi.gov/lead](http://www.dhs.wi.gov/lead) for information on these requirements.

### ??? Have More Questions ???

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